Attendees: Adkins, Bacon, Corcoran, Glaser, Randall, Shaw, Skreija, Watson

Excused: Anderson

Beginning at 2 p.m. and before the meeting officially began, the following gave presentations:

A. Lanyce Keel (Director of Academic Computing, and the ITS ex-officio member of the ER&S subcommittee): Exploring an updated, electronic method for teaching evals that can be merged with the faculty ePortfolio (myMAPP).

B. Neal Topp on the importance of having a Center for ePortfolio-Based Assessment (CeBA) here at UNO, and involving faculty, staff, and students.

C. John Bartle (Chair of F.S. Budget Committee): Budget 101

IV. The meeting was officially called to order at 3:05 p.m.

V. The minutes of the July 6, 2005 meeting were approved.

VI. Officers Reports

A. President’s Report: Senator Glaser reported:

1. Executive Committee and Administration Meeting was held July 20, 2005. Topics covered were: 1) Recent Admission and Orientation statistics were requested. 2) Discussion was held on the retreat focus and, briefly about health insurance benefits increasing for retirees (up 40%) The Chancellor is concerned about this and is trying to get central administration to address this problem. 3) There is a significant incentive to increase enrollment, there is also awareness that this will strain both building and faculty capacity.

2. Retreat: This next week will be spent making sure we have the information we need for the retreat. This preparation will include meetings between me and the Chancellor, John Christensen, Sheri Rogers, Jim Buck, and David Cicotello. The main information I need from them is:

   a) Chancellor Nancy Belck—how she thinks flexible tuition might work
b) V.C. John Christensen—if he has investigated issues of faculty retention with the deans, and what the exit interviews look like

c) Assoc. V.C. Sheri Rogers—update on dual enrollment statistics

d) V.C. Jim Buck—clarification of money from legislature for recruiting diverse faculty

e) Director Dave Cicotello—recruitment of students of color


IV New Business

A. Health Benefits for Retirees Rising 40%: It was decided that President Glaser should go forward with the other NU Faculty Senate Presidents and issue a statement that the Senates support keeping premiums as low as possible for retirees.

B. Diversity Funds for 2005-2006: The $1 million of diversity funds were not distributed to the campuses this year. The Committee on Faculty Personnel and Welfare will look into this, including obtaining a copy of the statute.

C. Regent Hergert: It was the consensus of the EC&C that no statement will be made by the UNO Faculty Senate regarding the most recent election problem at this time.

D. Establishment at UNO of a Center for ePortfolio-Based Assessment: Senator Watson introduced the following resolution which was moved, seconded, corrected, and passed. It will be presented to the full Senate next week:

WHEREAS the strategic goals of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, focus on students, academic excellence, and community, can be facilitated by the comprehensive ePortfolios system, “myMAPP” (Mapping Academic Performance through ePortfolios) currently under construction and implementation by UNO’s Information Technology Services, and

WHEREAS UNO faculty and staff have already garnered national and international recognition as leaders in the development and implementation of ePortfolios, and

WHEREAS the authentic assessment of student learning made possible through the myMapp system and the continued research and development of ePortfolio-based assessment will facilitate the continuous improvement of student learning so central to university’s basic mission,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate supports the establishment at UNO of a Center for ePortfolio-Based Assessment.

IX The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.